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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of H. Darrel Darby  
BELOW KNEE CAST REPLACEMENT WALKER  
Assignee: **DARCO INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
Our Ref. A7971

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 18 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 11 sheet(s) of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>28</u> - 20	=	<u>8</u>	x	\$9.00	=	<u>\$72.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>3</u> - 3	=		x	\$42.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee							<u>\$370.00</u>

**TOTAL FEE** \$442.00

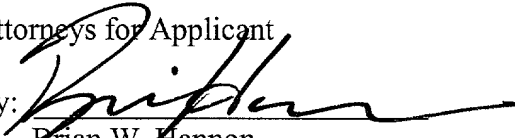
A check for the statutory filing fee of \$442.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from March 9, 2001 based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/274,255.

Respectfully submitted,  
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